PENNSYLVANIA LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT NETWORK

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY JUNE 14, 1PM

Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg

PRIDE '80

It's that time of year, when we plan the annual state conference. (Actually, the planning takes about thirteen months, and we are well on our way.) At the May meeting we decided on a theme, general purpose and outline of events. We also adopted a budget.

While we may all share membership in the Lesbian/Gay community, each of us is constituent to one, or more, other 'groups' in society. Race, age, sex, economics, religion, etc., provide further definition, and division, to our lives. An understanding of this wide range of experience may help to unify, rather than seperate, us. **PRIDE** '80 hopes, through 'special needs' and 'common goals' workshops, to bring us all closer together. Therefore, we have chosen as out theme — *UNITY IN DIVERSITY*.

The general outline of the schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY - Registration; Keynote Addresses; Entertainment

SATURDAY - Special Needs Workshops:

- A. Black & Third World
- B. Handicap & Age
- C. Women
- D. Men

There will also be workshops on general interest topics.

SATURDAY EVENING - Annual Pride Banquet: Presentation of Community Service Awards; Entertainment

SUNDAY - Common Needs Workshops; Religious Services; All-Conference Session

Planning for the Special Needs workshop series is being handled by people who identify themselves as part of those groups. In keeping with our theme, the entertainment sections will freature performers whose creativity stems from their experiences as Women, Men or People of Color.

FUTURE NETWORK MEETINGS

At our last meeting, we set dates for Network meetings for the rest of this year. All meetings will be on Saturdays, at 1PM, at the Friends Meetinghouse in Harrisburg. The dates are:

July 12 August 16 September 13 October 18

November 15 December 13

WE HAVE A NEW ADDRESS!!

P.O. Box 822 Federal Square Station Harrisburg, PA 17101

This is the address where you can now reach the Network. We had developed some minor problems with our former mailing location, in Allentown, and since we were about to open a post office box for PRIDE '80, we decided to combine both (saving some money in the process). Also, we ask groups with whom we are currently exchanging newsletters and information to make this change on their mailing lists.

PENNSYLVANIA BLACK & THIRD WORLD SPECIAL MEETING

Prior to our next regular meeting, Philadelphia Black Gays will be sponsoring a meeting for all interested Black and Third World Lesbians and Gays. This meeting will be at 10:30AM, at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg. Discussion will center on the needs of non-white Lesbians and Gays and possible state-wide programs and actions. For further information contact Douglas Bowman at (215) GR 3-8299.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Saturday June 14, at 1PM, at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg. Discussion of PRIDE '80 needs will be on the agenda. We will be finalizing workshop topics, working on details of the schedule, and filling positions of chair for various subcommittees. They are: Workshops; Facilitators; Entertainment; Registration; Publicity/Media; and Exhibits.

The second major item will be discussion of the upcoming national Presidential Nominating Conventions and Fall general elections. To what extent the Network will be able to be active in the Attorney General, US Senate and Presidential races will depend on the interest shown at this meeting. Please try to attend if you are interested.

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